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SUBJ: CCINC CUSTOMS TRAINING

PASS TO: ALLHOUSE, INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS DIVISION,  
US CUSTOMS SERVICE.

REF: A STATE A-6064, 7/17/73; B STATE 210561; C CARACAS 9597.

1. MISSION'S NARCOTICS CONTROL GROUP BELIEVES THAT THE US  
CUSTOMS CCINC TRAINING PROGRAM WILL BENEFIT THE VENEZUELAN CUSTOMS  
SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE MISSION'S NCAP.

2. PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REF B, THE NEED FOR THIS TYPE OF  
TRAINING FOR THE CUSTOMS SERVICE WAS BROUGHT UP BY MEMBERS OF  
THE INTERMINISTERIAL COMMISSION AGAINST DRUG ABUSE IN A MEETING  
WITH TWO EMBASSY OFFICERS WHERE IT WAS AGREED THAT THE COMMISSION  
WOULD MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS.

3. ON OCT 3, A MEETING WAS HELD WITH THE DIRECTOR OF  
THE ESCUELA NACIONAL DE HACIENDA TO DISCUSS THEIR NEEDS AND  
TO DETERMINE THEIR RECEPTIVITY TOWARD SUBJECT TRAINING. THE  
DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL, WHO HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL TRAINING  
OF CUSTOMS PERSONNEL, IS PREPARED TO MAKE AVAILABLE THIRTY (30)  
OFFICERS WITH SUPERVISORY AND INSTRUCTOR RESPONSIBILITIES FROM  
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY FOR THIS TRAINING. THIS NUMBER INCLUDES  
SEVERAL NATIONAL GUARD COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WHO ARE ASSIGNED  
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TO THE CUSTOMS SERVICE, AND ALL OF THEM WILL USE THE KNOWLEDGE

GAINED TO GENERATE A MULTIPLIER EFFECT. THE NG OFFICERS HAVE MILITARY RANK OF MAJOR AND LT COLONEL. THE CUSTOMS OFFICERS HAVE CIVILIAN RANK EQUIVALENT TO MAJOR AND LT COLONEL.

4. THE DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL RECENTLY RETURNED FROM AN EXECUTIVE TRAINING PROGRAM RELATED TO CUSTOMS/NARCOTICS IN WEST GERMANY AND EXPRESSES A GOOD INTEREST IN IMPROVING THE CAPACITY OF THE CUSTOMS SERVICE AS WELL AS IMPROVED COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES.

5. THE MISSION'S NARCOTICS CONTROL GROUP SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING:

A THAT THE TRAINING BE GEARED TO THE PROPOSED PARTICIPANTS AND PURPOSE.

B THAT ALL INSTRUCTORS BE FLUENT IN SPANISH TO AVOID THE USE OF INTERPRETERS.

C THAT THE SERVICES OF THE PS NARCOTICS ADVISOR BE UTILIZED AS COORDINATOR.

6. IF SUBJECT TRAINING CAN BE SCHEDULED, THE EMBASSY WILL APPRECIATE DEPT'S CONSIDERATION FOR APPROPRIATE FUNDING. (REF C), UPON RECEIPT OF POSITVE REPLY, EMBASSY WILL MAKE FORMAL OFFER TO THE PROPER OFFICIALS.

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